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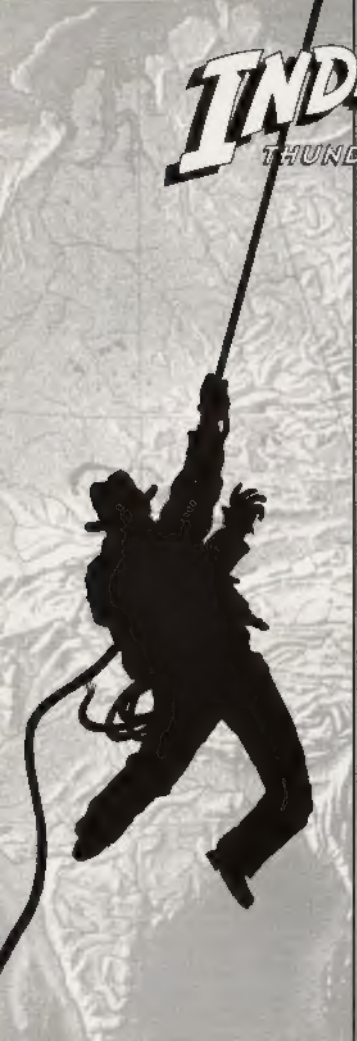

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ALL WE KNOW UP TO NOW, DR. KALI, IS THAT A SACRED COVENANT WAS LEFT BY BUDDHA..
HIS DISCIPLES CARRIED IT ON THEIR MISSION TO SPREAD HIS TEACHINGS...
SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, THEY WERE TO BURY IT FOR SAFEKEEPING.
THE MISSIONS SOON SPREAD OVER MOST OF ASIA.. WHICH MEANS...
AFGHANISTAN
THE BUDDHA COVENANT COULD BE ANYWHERE ON THIS VAST CONTINENT!
TRUE, PROF. JONES.. BUT THEY DID BUILD SHRINES WHEREVER THEY SETTLED.
AND THOSE SHRINES MAY HOLD MORE CLUES THAN DO THESE SACRED SCROLLS.
WE'LL HAVE TO HIT IT LUCKY, THOUGH. NOT MANY SHRINES LEFT IN AFGHANISTAN.
WHAT GENGHIS KHAN DIDN'T DESTROY, THE MOSLEM INVASION TOOK CARE OF LATER...
HISTORY HAS LEFT ITS MARK.. THE AFGHANS HOLD NO LOVE FOR OUTSIDERS.
...INDY.
KRRAK
WHEEEEE
BLAMM

HIYAAAAIIYIIHEE
YIEEE-IIIIIEEEY'H
BLAM
BLA
RRRRRRRRRRU

HIYAAAIIYIIHEE
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RRRRRRRRRRUMBLE

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BLAM BLAM
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RRRRRRRRRRRUMBLE

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
AIIEEEEEEEE
whoooooHEEAAA
NBLE

BLAM BLAM BLAM
BANDITS! AN ARMY OF THEM! GAINING ON US!
SOPHIE! KHAMAL! STAY DOWN!
THIS IS WHY I BROUGHT TROOPS ALONG!
OUR TROOPS! OUR AMMO! OUR HORSES! ALL BACK THERE!
PROFESSOR! THEY'VE UNCOUPLED THE REAR CARS!
SPANG

WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK FOR THEM!
DOESN'T THE ENGINEER REALIZE...?
I'M AFRAID NOT!

CRRRASH
INDY?
INDY!
OHH, INDY—
WHERE ARE YOU?
WHISHHH
RIP
THUD
YOU?! YOU DID THIS?

KHAMAL IS ALADUITE
I'LL SAY THIS, KID. YOU'RE MAKING IT HARD TO EVER DO WITHOUT YOU.
NO!
ALL ALADUITES KNOW HOW TO THROW THE KNIFE!
NO!
WHAP
HEY!
TOUGH MAN.
TRY SOMEONE YOUR SIZE!

COME, ENGLISH
COME
HAR
MY HAT!!
ONE
JUNG

KRRUNK
BLAM
EFFENDI INDY!
BLAM
BLAM
THE BANDITS!
THEY TOOK MISS SOPHIE!
DAMN!
WHAT DO I THINK I'M DOING?
THEY'RE GONE!

MORE BAD NEWS, DR. INDY!
THEY ALSO TOOK MY PACKET CONTAINING THE SACRED SCROLLS!
GOD, SOPHIA—IN THE HANDS OF THOSE BARBARIANS! WE'VE GOT TO GET AFTER THEM! FAST!
ONE BRIGHT NOTE
WE DON'T HAVE TO GO ON FOOT!
WE MAY NEED HELP
SHOULDN'T WE GO BACK FOR OUR MEN?
SOPHIE NEEDS US NOW!
SEE THE ACCURSED INFIDEL COMES IN FORCE!
HE DEFOULS OUR HOLY SOIL

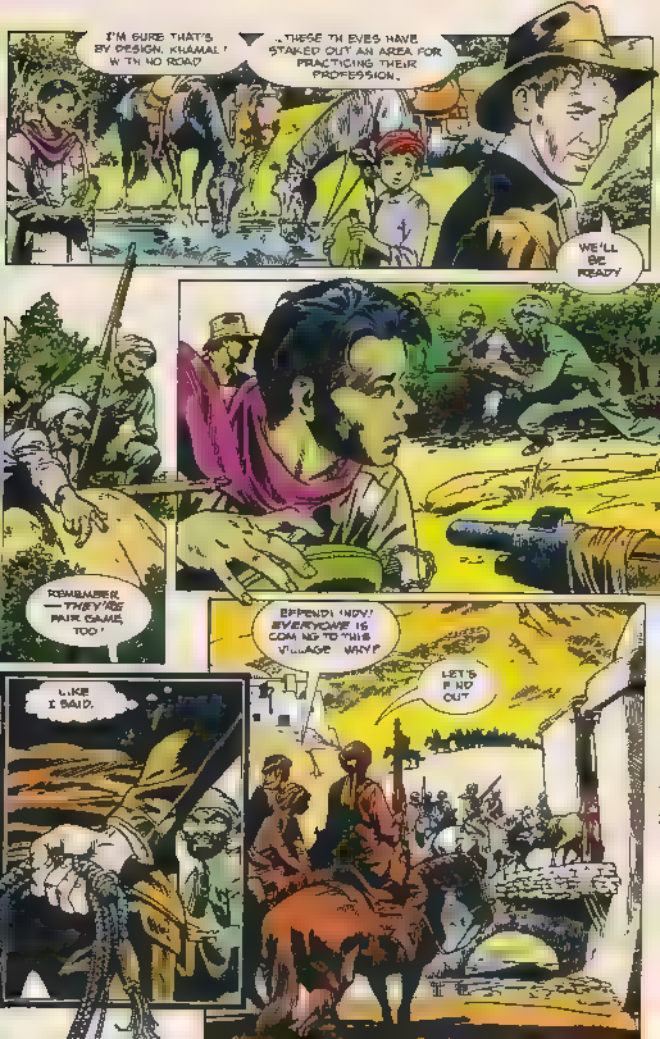
PTOOM
BRATATATATATATAT-TA
KROOM
BLAM BLAM
BLAM BLAM
CEASE FIRE
ENOUGH WE HAVE ANNOUNCED OUR PRESENCE.
THE BARBARIANS WILL GIVE US WIDE BERTH WHILE WE TRACK DOWN INDIANA JONES.
BACK TO THE DOWJON! THE NOBLE DERELBY MUST BE WARNED
I SAY CHAPS RIDERS COMING
HOT FUZZIES BY THE LOOK OF 'EM
WHA..?!
THE BRITISH UNION JACK?
HOW D' WE GET BACK TO INDIA?!

I'M AFRAID WE'RE LOST.
I SHOULD THINK SO, YANK. EITHER THAT OR MAD — TO BE OUT IN THESE PARTS!
WE [redacted] BANDITS WHO ATTACKED OUR TRAIN MADE OFF WITH A LADY IN OUR PARTY
[redacted] UP BACK IN INDIA?
HA! YOU DIDN'T! THIS IS AFGHANISTAN, SO TO SPEAK.
DO COME N. DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT IN THE HILLS WITH NIGHT COMING ON.
LIEUTENANT JEFFREY TALBOT WEISS... AT YOUR SERVICE, SIR.
YOU'LL BE JUST IN TIME FOR A SPOT OF TEA!
THIS IS THE FRONTIER, YOU SEE—AFGHAN, REALLY YET INDEPENDENT A MOTLEY LOT OF THIEVING TRIBES RULED BY A DOZEN DIFFERENT BEYS, KHANS, DERBEYS.
AND CLOSED TO ALL FOREIGNERS
THEN NOW COME A BRITISH OUTPOST HERE, LIEUTENANT?
WE STRUCK A DEAL AC CHALLY. WE PAY SOME OF THE TRIBES TO BE QUIET ASSURE THEM PROTECT ON FROM THE OTHER TRIBES.
THE CROWN GETS HALF THIS NO-MAN'S-LAND THE CHIEFS GET TO RULE THEIR OWN TRIBES. EVEN THE KING OF AFGHANISTAN WON'T MEDDLE NOT A VERY NEAT ARRANGEMENT BUT IT KEEPS THESE THIEVING BEGGARS IN CHECK— AND OUT OF INDIA.

ALL VERY INTERESTING, LIEUTENANT. BUT WHAT ABOUT MISS HARGOOD? YOU KNOW HOW THESE CUTTHROATS TREAT WOMEN!
I LIKE CHATTELS' PROPERTY. LESS THAN HUMAN
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US
AH, HARUMPH! A STICKY WICKET, THAT OLD CHAP
THE ARRANGEMENT YOU KNOW..
THEY RESPECT OUR OUTPOSTS, WE STAY OUT OF THEIR VILLAGES.
SORRY OLD BEAN WE CAN HELP WITH GUNS, SUPPLIES
AFRAID THAT'S ALL, ACTUALLY SORRY
KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.. A FAIR WESTERN WOMAN IN THE HANDS OF THOSE BLIGHTERS. BRRR.. CHILLS THE BLOOD!
BUT DO TAKE CARE..
STAY TO THE ROADS. NEUTRAL TERRITORY. A CODE AMONG THESE BLACKGUARDS. POOR TASTE TO SHOOT ANYONE ON THE ROADS
IN THE HILLS, YOU'RE FAIR GAME
WE'LL LEAVE AT DAWN, LIEUTENANT
YOU'LL HAVE MY PRAYERS, YANK
THE REASON OF [illegible] A WARM SLAM
BAH! THE ENGLISH! DO THEY KNOW NOTHING OF TRAINING A WOMAN?!
THE FLAME HAIRED WOMAN IS A VIXEN!
THE WOMAN IS AMERICAN, GREAT ONE!

ENGLISH AMERICAN THE SAME UNCIVILIZED THE FAME HARE FEMALE IS WORTHLESS! A JACKAL A WILDCAT!
THE SCARS OF BATTLE I REPAIR PRICELY BUT THESE ?!
YOU STOLE HER AGAIN YOU KEEP HER
B.B. BUT GREAT ONE
YOU FLATTER ME SO FAIR A WOMAN IS A WORTHY BRIDE FOR A GREAT DERBY LIKE YOURSELF
PERHAPS SLAVERY FIRST TO TEACH HER WHAT TO?
AN INFIDEL VIXEN AMONG MY SLAVES? NEVER!
WHY EVERY KHAN AND PATHAN BOY WOULD BURN WITH ENVY
HER HELPLESS FACE HER SOUL TEMPER WOULD SET A BAD EXAMPLE
AND NO PLACE TO GO BUT THE GALLOWS
HER HEATHEN DEFIANCE COULD SPREAD LIKE A PLAGUE FIRST MY SLAVES - THEN MY HOUSEHOLD -
DAMN ALL DRESSED UP
OR EVEN WORSE CHIEF MUCKAMUCK'S HAREM WHY ELSE THIS GET-UP ?
YUCH!

SHE MUST BE KEPT APART FROM EVERYONE ! I HAVE USE FOR HER..
UH-OH
EXECUTION TIME .. SO SOON ?'
NO — JUST A JEALOUS WIFE OR CONCUBINE.
SORRY, HONEY; WRONG NUMBER.
YOU MAY TH NK HUBBY'S TYRONE POWER ..
BUT REALLY.. HE'S JUST NOT MY TYPE !
THUMP
SCUFF
SLAP
ACCURSED AOBIK HE HAS BROUGHT US A BLIGHT INSTEAD OF A BOUNTY
THERE'S THE VILLAGE — ABOUT A MILE AHEAD.
EFFEND INDY, THERE IS NO ROAD
TODAY, AT THE GATHERING OF THE TRIBES — INSTEAD OF A CAME... WE WILL AWARD THE FIRE-HAIRED WOMAN TO THE W NNER OF THE BUZ KASHI !
HAHAH ! !
LET OUR ENEMIES, THE MOHMANDS OR THE APRIDIS HAVE HER !


I'M SURE THAT'S BY DESIGN, KHAMAL! W TH NO ROAD
..THESE TH EVES HAVE STAKED OUT AN AREA FOR PRACTICING THEIR PROFESSION.
WE'LL BE READY
REMEMBER, — THEY'RE FAIR GAME, TOO!
EFFENDI! NOW! EVERYONE IS COM NG TO THIS VILLAGE WHY?
LET'S F ND OUT
L.KE I SAID.

KAL... YOU KNOW THESE DIALECTS... WHAT'S GOING ON?
A GATHERING OF THE TRIBES. A TIME OF TRUCE FOR GAMES, FEAST CELEBRATION
AND THAT -" A SLAVE AUCTION?
HEY!! THAT'S NO TRIBESWOMAN.
BY GOD —IT'S SOPHIE!

HYAA-AA
LET'S BREAK THIS UP!
NYEIH
BUZ KASHI
BUZ KASHI
BUZ KASHI?
A RACE — AND A RITUAL — DATING BACK TO GENGHIS KHAN
A CROSS BETWEEN POLO AND A BARROOM BRAWL
A FREE FOR ALL, IN FACT! ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY JOINS IN ON THE MAYHEM.

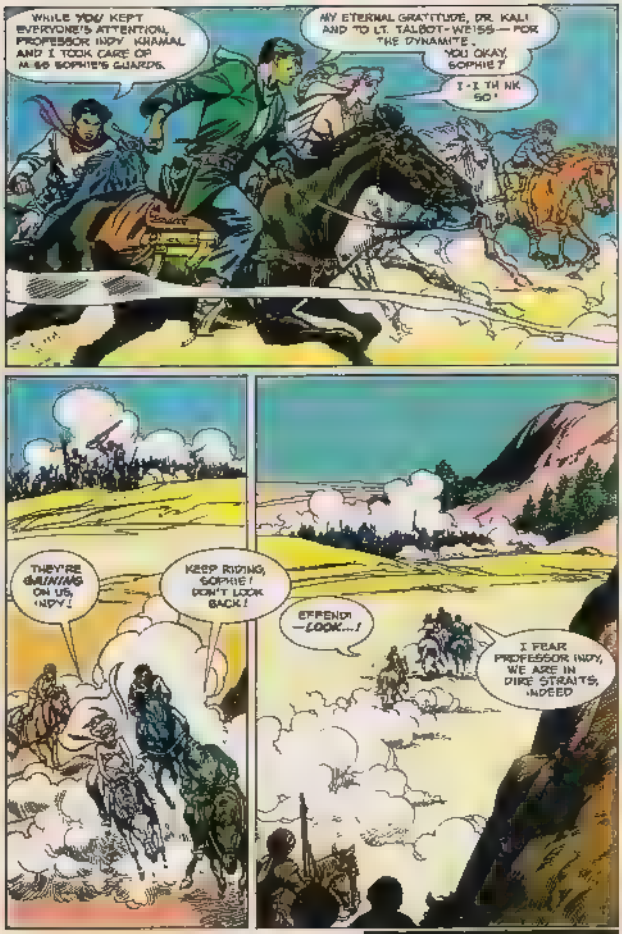
THE "BALL" THEY USE IS A HEADLESS CALF—FILLED WITH SAND.
THE TRICK IS TO CARRY IT AROUND THE POST ABOUT A MILE AWAY—THE STRUGGLE CAN LAST FOR HOURS.
THE ONE WHO BRINGS IT BACK TO THE STARTING CIRCLE WINS.
BEYOND THAT ANYTHING GOES
WH. HEY!
WHOA
WAP
WB

RRRIP
SWOOSH
KRRAK

BLAST IT!
THAT'S JUST ABOUT
ENOUGH!!
KRAK
YOU WANT TO RACE?
KUNK
OKAY —LET'S!
KRAK
WHAP
SNAP
WHIP
KRAK

A WINNER!
A NEW CHAMPION!
GREAT CHAMPION YOU WEAR THE HEADDRESS OF THE AFRIDI. THOUGH OUR TRIBES HAVE MADE WAR — NOW I, MUZZAD RAM AM PLEASED TO AWARD YOU.
THIS GREAT PRIZE — A WOMAN SO RARE SO FAIR
AFRIDI? HE'S NOT ONE OF US!
SO SO..? WHERE IS THE SHE DEVIL?

AN ENGLISH!
AFRIDI?
NEVER!
INFIDEL DOG!
INDY! THIS WAY!
HI YAA GIT
POW
KALI?
KEEP GOING, INDY! JUST KEEP GOING!
THOOM



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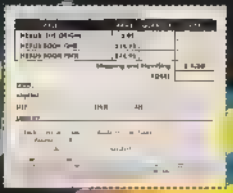

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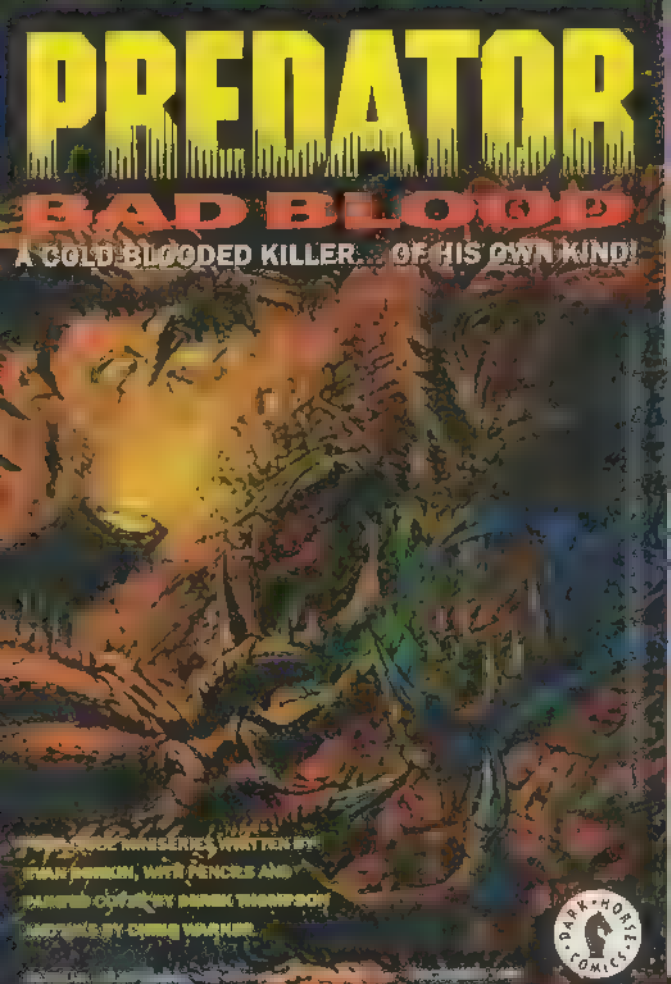

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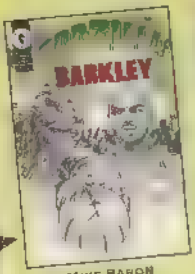

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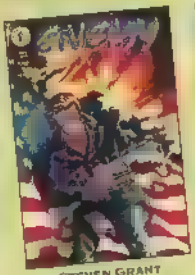

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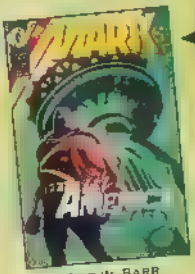

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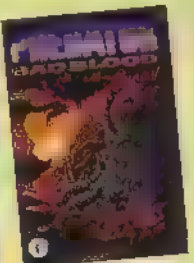

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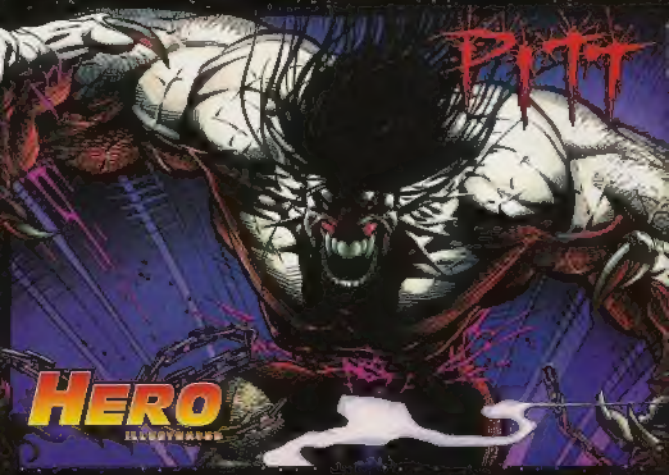

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